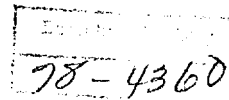


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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Ben Evans  
Executive Secretary  
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Letter for Congressman Symms

The attached is being forwarded for response  
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Christine Dodson  
Staff Secretary

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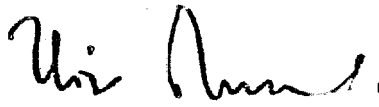
THE WHITE HOUSE  
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January 24, 1978

Dear Congressman Symms:

Your letter to the President of December 27, 1977 has been referred to Admiral Turner. I understand that he has already testified before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on the matter of concern to you.

Sincerely,

  
Zbigniew Brzezinski

The Honorable Steve Symms  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

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December 27, 1977

President Jimmy Carter  
White House  
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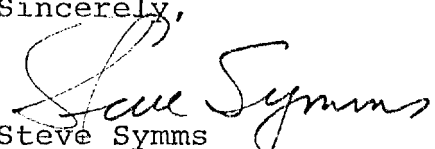
Dear President Carter,

This letter is in regard to your administration's plans to continue cuts in operational personnel at the C.I.A.

I wish to express my extreme concern and dismay over these continuing cuts. I am aware that these cuts are being effected at a time when Soviet KGB and GRU operational activities are expanding at an unprecedented rate. Accordingly, I am requesting the House Intelligence Committee conduct a review of your administration's actions in light of the aforementioned reasons. To denude our operational intelligence capability at this time would be unwise and would signal a lack of resolve on our part.

Furthermore, should this cut continue in spite of my cautioning, I will call for your administration to show its sincerity by effecting proportional cuts in other Federal agencies such as HEW, HUD, DOT, etc.

Sincerely,

  
Steve Symms  
Member of Congress

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